

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 22: HEALTH AND WELFARE**  
**Chapter 703: BIRTH RECORDS**

**§2768. ACCESS TO ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE BY ADOPTED PERSON**

An adopted person, the adopted person's attorney or, if the adopted person is deceased, the adopted person's descendants may obtain a copy of that person's original certificate of birth from the State Registrar of Vital Statistics, referred to in this section as "the state registrar," in accordance with this section. [ 2007 , c. 409 , §4 (NEW); 2007 , c. 409 , §6 (AFF) . ]

**1. Requirements.** The adopted person must be at least 18 years of age and have been born in this State.  
[ 2007 , c. 409 , §4 (NEW); 2007 , c. 409 , §6 (AFF) . ]

**2. Application.** The adopted person must file a written application with and provide appropriate proof of identification to the state registrar.

[ 2007 , c. 409 , §4 (NEW); 2007 , c. 409 , §6 (AFF) . ]

**3. Issuance of birth certificate and forms.** Upon receipt of the written application and proof of identification pursuant to subsection 2 and fulfillment of the requirements of subsection 4, the state registrar shall issue a noncertified copy of the unaltered original certificate of birth to the applicant. If a contact preference or medical history form has been completed and submitted to the state registrar pursuant to section 2769, the state registrar also must provide that information.

[ 2007 , c. 409 , §4 (NEW); 2007 , c. 409 , §6 (AFF) . ]

**4. Fees; waiting period.** The state registrar may require a waiting period and impose a fee for the noncertified copy provided pursuant to subsection 3. The fees and waiting period imposed under this subsection must be identical to the fees and waiting period generally imposed on persons seeking their own birth certificates.

[ 2007 , c. 409 , §4 (NEW); 2007 , c. 409 , §6 (AFF) . ]

**5. Forms; rules.** The state registrar shall develop by rule the data elements required in the contact preference form, medical history form and application form as required by this section and may adopt other rules for the administration of this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

[ 2009 , c. 601 , §22 (AMD) . ]

**SECTION HISTORY**

2007 , c. 409 , §4 (NEW). 2007 , c. 409 , §6 (AFF). 2009 , c. 601 , §22 (AMD) .

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